

HASSAN DISTRICT.

NOTIFICATIONS.

The 5th March 1889.

Tenders are hereby invited for the right to collect cardamoms and pepper, the produce of the undermentioned Ghat Forests in the Manjarabad Taluk of the Hassan District on a lease for a period of 10 years, viz., from official year 1889-90 to 1893-99 inclusive :—

1. Bisle Ghat Forest.
2. Kempfoje and Kenchena Kumari Forests.

2. Tenders to be superscribed "Tenders for the lease of cardamoms and pepper of the Ghat Forests" and be sent to the Deputy Commissioner of the Hassan District at Hassan so as to reach him on or before the 24th June 1889. The tenders will be opened at the Deputy Commissioner's office by the Deputy Commissioner or Forest officer of the District during office hours on the 24th June 1889 in the presence of the applicants, who may be present. The final disposal of the tenders will rest with the Inspector General of Forests and Plantations in Mysore, who reserves to himself the full power to reject any or all of the tenders without assigning any reason.

3. Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 100 in cash or in currency notes. The deposits made by the applicants, whose tenders are rejected, will be returned to them in due course.

4. The applicant, whose tender may be finally accepted by the Inspector General of Forests and Plantations, shall, within 15 days of the acceptance of his tender being communicated to him, deposit with the Deputy Commissioner a further sum in cash or currency notes to make up with the deposit previously made a sum equal to one-tenth of the amount of lease and shall execute an agreement on proper stamp binding himself to conform to the conditions hereinafter set forth and if he fails or refuses to sign the agreement or to make the deposit required, the deposit already made will be forfeited to Government and the lease otherwise disposed of.

5. The lease for which tenders are now invited shall be subject to the following conditions :—

- I. The amount of the lease shall be payable to Government in ten equal yearly instalments in the month of August i. e. before gathering the crop of the season. Should the lessee fail to do so, the lease will be cancelled and the forest leased out resumed to Government.
- II. On the expiration of the lease, the option of its renewal on such sums as may on due consideration be fixed by Government, will be given to the lessee for such further period as may be decided on in respect of such lease.
- III. Leases being made solely for the collection and propagation of cardamoms and pepper, no crop of any other description will be cultivated in the forest leased out. It is not however intended that plantain, castor-oil or other trees necessary for the shelter or shade of cardamom plants and pepper vines should not be grown.
- IV. No trees of any kind to be felled without the written permission of the Forest officer and no cardamom or pepper plants to be dug up and removed from the leased forests under any circumstances. Should the felling of any trees be deemed actually necessary to open the ground for the growth or propagation of cardamom plants and pepper vines, the lessee will make an application to the Forest officer, who shall mark the trees to be felled and the trees so felled will be taken over by the Forest Department. If the lessee wants any of the trees, they will be delivered to him on payment of the prescribed seigniorage rates, which are as follows, or even on lower rates at the discretion of the Deputy Commissioner :—

| | Rs. | | Rs. |
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| Poon per tree .. | 15 | Nandi per tree .. | 8 |
| Hesva do .. | 10 | Hejani do .. | 6 |
| Blackwood do .. | 8 | Ebony do .. | 10 |
| All other descriptions of trees per tree Rs. 3½ | | | |
| Bamboos per 1,000 .. | Rs. 10. | | |

V. Lessees will have no right to any other forest produce save cardamoms and pepper, nor will they be at liberty to enclose, obstruct or otherwise interfere in any way with roads traversing the forests and plantations, the Government reserving its full rights of every description in all such forests and plantations.

VI. Cardamom and pepper leases obtained under these rules can be sold or otherwise alienated at the discretion of the lessee, provided that due intimation of such alienation is made to the Deputy Commissioner for record in his office and that the transfer of the lease is duly registered under the provisions of the Registration Act.

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